

LEADERS OF G. O. P. THROUGH THE HOTELS

Those Prominently Mentioned for Presidential Nomination Especially in Evidence.

VARIETY OF "MISSIONS" BRINGS THEM TO CAPITAL

Meeting of National Committee One Attraction—Mr. Burton Guest of Friends at Dinner.

It falls out today that Washington is honored by the presence in the city of every man who is being talked of in connection with the republican presidential nomination. Some are in town by reason of official duties necessitating their attendance at the National Capital, some are here to attend dinners, some on private business and some are here "because they are here."

Counting active candidates for the nomination, passive candidates, would-be candidates and near-candidates, there is an even "baker's dozen" of them "in our midst," a kind of "we-have-with-us-today" proposition. Recting them haphazard, and with no suggestion of precedence in the mentioning, the group includes Elihu Root of New York, Senator Borah of Idaho, Mr. Dabney of New York, Senator Cummings of Iowa, former Vice President Fairbanks of Indiana, former Senator Burton of Ohio, Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania, Senator Weeks of Massachusetts, Senator William Alden Smith of Michigan, Senator Sherman of Illinois, Representative Hann of Illinois and former Secretary Knox of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Justice Hughes, 13th. And the thirteenth? Mr. Justice Hughes, of course. But remember, thirteen has been proved a lucky presidential number in one instance, President Wilson claiming it as his very own.

In addition to these tall sycamores of presidential timber, towering above Washington, there are also in town several scores of republicans of importance in their several states, brought to the city by the impending meeting of the republican national committee. Some came as boomers for their own sides in the convention race, some as members of the committee and some, perhaps, because Washington is at this time the most notable as well as the most enjoyable winter resort on the map.

So, around the hotels today, one could not have thrown a stick without hitting a prominent republican. By Monday there will be more of them here, as the tide of the convention city boomers gets in.

Chicago and St. Louis are contesting hotly for the convention, with Chicago in the lead at this stage of the running. Philadelphia and San Francisco are also distant, but forgering along and making much dust.

Mr. Burton Guest at Dinner. Ohio republicans got together last night at the Shoreham Hotel in a dinner to Mr. Burton, Ohio's candidate for the presidential nomination. The dinner was given by the republican delegation in Congress from Ohio, and was presided over by Senator Hiram Bland.

Mr. Burton's campaign manager, Granville W. Mooney of Ashtabula, escorted the guest of honor from the hotel upon which he arrived just before the dinner hour.

ALLIES IN AGREEMENT AS TO CONDUCT OF WAR

Important Questions Settled Today at Conference in Paris.

PARIS, December 11.—Questions of an urgent character relating to the conduct of the war were settled on the basis of a complete understanding today at a conference of representatives of France and Great Britain.

Premier Briand and War Secretary Gallieni acted for France, and Foreign Secretary Grey and War Secretary Kitchener for Great Britain.

NINE GERMAN OFFICERS ARE REPORTED SUICIDES

PETROGRAD, via London, December 11.—Another epidemic of suicides is reported among the German forces in the vicinity of Ivangrad by prisoners captured in that region, according to the Birshevsky Vedomosti, an afternoon daily newspaper. Nine officers, including the commander of a battalion, are said to have ended their lives within a period of twelve days. Cold and hardships of the campaign are alleged to be the cause.

England's Postmaster Wins at Polls. LONDON, December 11.—The postmaster general, Herbert Samuel, who was compelled to seek re-election to the house of commons on account of his recent appointment to the cabinet post of chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, has overwhelmed his opponent in a bye-election in the Cleveland division of North Riding, Yorkshire. His vote was 7,212, as against 4,152 obtained by Henry Knight, a leader of Leeds. Mr. Knight made his campaign under the auspices of the "Business Government League." He also opposed recent enactments restricting the sale of liquor.

Excludes Liquor From Baggage. CHARLESTON, W. Va., December 11.—Injunctions restraining the Baltimore and Ohio and the Western Maryland railroads from allowing passengers in this state to carry intoxicating liquor in their personal baggage when labeled as such, were granted here today on petition of Fred O. Blue, state prohibition commissioner. A similar injunction was granted Wednesday against the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad.

F. B. MCGUIRE DIES AT HIS HOME HERE

Was Director of Corcoran Gallery of Art and Its Board Secretary.

Frederick B. McGuire, seventy-seven years old, director of the Corcoran Gallery of Art and secretary of the board of directors, died early this morning at his home, 1333 Connecticut avenue. F. B. McGuire was named a trustee of the Corcoran Gallery of Art January 9, 1882. He was made director of the gallery in April, 1900, succeeding Dr. Barbrin, who, however, had merely held the office of curator. Three years before Mr. McGuire became director, the Corcoran Gallery moved into its new building, but it is chiefly during his directorate that it has expanded its policy and become one of the leading museums of the country.

Planned the Biennial Exhibition. Through his initiative the biennial exhibitions of contemporary work by American painters have been organized and it is undoubtedly due to his broad outlook that other transient exhibitions have been shown in the Corcoran Gallery of Art.

Funeral Monday Morning. Funeral services are to be held Monday morning at 11 o'clock in the main hall of the Corcoran Gallery, Rev. Charles T. Warner, rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal church, officiating. Interment is to be at Rock Creek cemetery.

PLANS FIVE NAVY YARDS TO BUILD DREADNAUGHTS

Secretary Daniels Would Have Three on Atlantic and Two on Pacific Equipped.

Three navy yards on the Atlantic coast and two on the Pacific would be equipped to build battleships under the plan Secretary Daniels will present to Congress. He said today one of the first dreadnaughts or battle cruisers included in the administration's plan would be built at the Philadelphia yard, where an expenditure of \$1,000,000 for equipment will be necessary. He hopes to see the Puget sound and Norfolk yards equipped eventually for building capital ships.

The result would be to give the government five yards, New York, Philadelphia, Norfolk, Mare Island and Puget sound, where heavy ships could be laid down. It would mean virtually doubling the battleship building facilities of the country, since only five private yards now are equipped for the work and only three have bid for recent battleship contracts.

Secretary Daniels plans that while all navy yards shall be equipped as building plants, each shall specialize for economic reasons on some particular line of construction.

GERMANS CLAIM DEFEAT OF FRENCH IN THE WEST

BERLIN, December 11.—The French again have been battered and then attacked the position recently taken by the German northeast of Souain, in the Champagne region, but they are repulsed, the Germans retaining all their gains, according to official announcement today.

TO FIGHT BANK CHECK STAMP.

Senator Tillman Prefers an Increased Graduated Income Tax.

"Every time a man wrote a bank check he would have to lick a stamp and curse the democratic party," declared Senator Tillman, democrat, today, announcing he proposed to fight President Wilson's suggestion that a stamp on bank checks be included in the war revenue law.

"I prefer an increased graduated income tax and whenever a man has an income of one million dollars, I would take all in excess of that," Senator Tillman added. "A million a year is enough for any man, and the government needs the money."

LOSES A SECOND PLANT.

Milling Company in Ontario Believes Spies Responsible for Fires.

KINGSTON, Ontario, December 11.—The local plant of the Maple Leaf Milling Company, whose works at St. Catharines were burned a few days ago, was destroyed by fire today. The stock, valued at \$50,000, in the buildings here, as well as virtually the entire plant, is said by the company to be a total loss. The cause of today's fire is unknown, but circumstances surrounding both fires lead to the assertion that spies were responsible.

STEALS VALUABLE JEWELS. Thief Eludes Watchmen and Enters Art Institute of Chicago. CHICAGO, December 11.—Eluding three watchmen guarding the building, a thief gained entrance to the Art Institute of Chicago on Michigan boulevard, early today, and escaped with a collection of rare jewels, valued at between \$25,000 and \$50,000.

GERMAN ATTACHES LEAVE U. S. SOON

Emperor William Requests Safe Conduct for Capt. Boy-Ed and Capt. von Papen.

OFFICERS PERSONALLY RECALLED BY KAISER

Officials Here Plainly Gratified Over Outcome of Situation Fought With Serious Difficulties.

Secretary Lansing will immediately ask Great Britain and France, through their embassies here, for safe conduct for Capt. Boy-Ed and von Papen, respectively naval and military attaches of the German embassy here, pursuant to the request of Emperor William, who personally has recalled the officers. Withdrawal of the attaches had been demanded by the Secretary because of their alleged activities which rendered them persona non grata to this government.

Official announcement of Emperor William's action was made by Secretary Lansing after receiving a communication from the German foreign office through Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador. The emperor also requested safe conduct for the successors of Capt. Boy-Ed and von Papen, who left the German embassy on that, however, will await the naming of the successors.

Doubt as to Parole Demand. There was some speculation here today as to whether Great Britain and France would, in event the two German attaches leave this country, demand that they go under parole, pledging themselves not to participate in the European war.

In a somewhat similar manner it was thought that such a demand might be made. Officials of the German embassy, however, are said to believe it proper to ask for safe conduct for the attaches without qualification, because their successors would remove two fighting officers from Germany. Officials were plainly gratified today over the outcome of a situation which apparently had been fraught with serious difficulties. As a result Secretary Lansing now feels free to again take up negotiations for the settlement of the Lusitania controversy and the cases of other foreign diplomatic and consular officers. It is expected that the case of Alexander von Nuber, Austrian consul general at New York, will be the first to be acted upon.

Neither Now in Washington. Neither Capt. Boy-Ed nor Capt. von Papen is in Washington. Capt. Boy-Ed went to New York early in the week and followed yesterday by Capt. von Papen.

Both will return to the embassy within the next few days to bid farewell to officials of the embassies and legations of the neutral governments and the governments allied with Germany. The date for their departure from the United States, providing, of course, safe conducts are granted, has not yet been decided upon. The reason is acted upon promptly it is possible that they may be on their way to Germany by this time.

Officials today did not hazard a presumption as to just what might happen should safe conducts be refused, which they said seemed doubtful.

Tomorrow

"ONCE ON THE SUMMER RANGE" a new serial story of compelling interest, by FRANCIS HARRIS.

"TOWNS I'VE BEEN AT" a new series of mimitable letters, by KING W. LARDNER, with DeLoach, the first to be harpessed.

"DO YOU WANT TO BE A RAILROAD PRESIDENT?" by EDWARD HUNGERFORD.

"P A G A N R I G H T A R E S A V A G E L Y I N T E R V E W E D W I T H M A N Y C H R I S T M A S C E L E B R A T I O N S."

"A RIDICULOUS AFFAIR" a bit of fiction with a twist, by WILL PAYNE.

CHARLES M. PEPPER writes of "AUSTRIA-HUNGARY AT ECONOMIC STAGNATION OF GREAT WAR."

"PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN QUEER PLACES" a two-page spread of unusual photographs.

ASHMUN BROWN interviews MAJ. FRANK C. BOWEN, U. S. A., the engineer officer who does Uncle Sam's shopping.

"SELLING SUBURBAN LOTS," by ALBERT W. ATWOOD.

FRANK G. CARPENTER TELLS How Waterfalls Will Make Money for Great Industrial Empire.

A WASHINGTON WOMAN "KEEPS HOUSE" FOR THOUSANDS OF PACIFIC.

GERMANY WANTS PEACE, SAY ALLIED CAPITALS

London and Paris Papers Continue Comments on Chancellor's Speech.

LONDON, December 11.—The London morning newspapers, continuing the discussion editorially of the debate in the German reichstag Thursday, mostly express the conviction that it is a symptom of German longing for peace and that the fact that the reichstag permitted such a discussion is a concession to the popular feeling.

With equal conviction the opinion is expressed that no notice whatever will be taken of what are characterized as the imperial chancellor's appeals or threats, but that the ante allies will continue to devote themselves wholeheartedly to the business of fighting.

The Daily Telegraph says: "It has taken a long time to bring Germany to the point where the reichstag is acting in order to still further increase the revenues, a bitter fight will be made against the whole measure."

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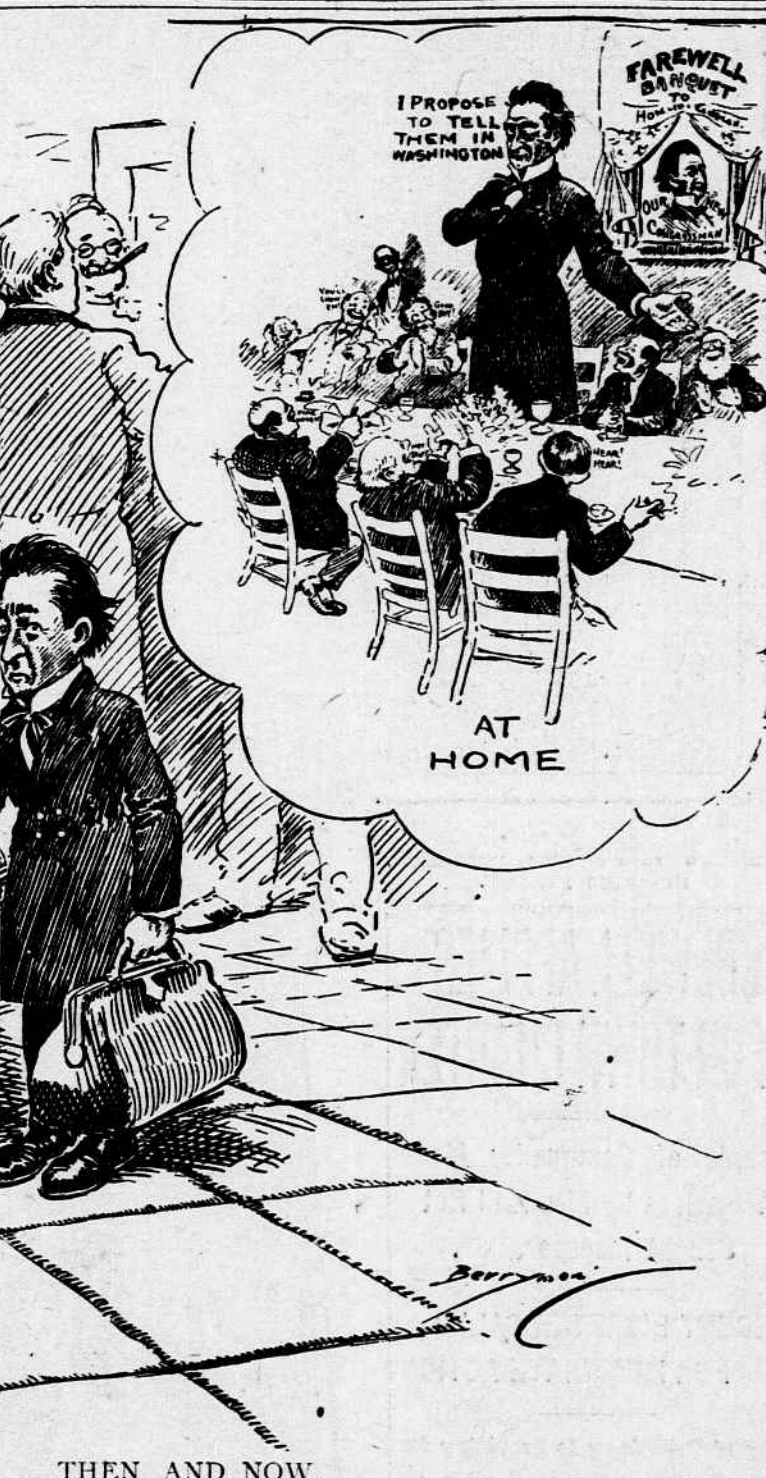
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DISCOVERER OF NORTH POLE ADVOCATES AN AERIAL COAST PATROL SYSTEM.

Admiral R. E. Peary, U. S. N., wants stations for fliers at intervals of 100 miles along our coast line, to act as sea scouts in case of war and threatened invasion. Read this interesting article tomorrow in the Sunday Star.

WAR TAX AND RECESS DISCUSSED BY LEADERS

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PUTS YUAN SHI-KAI ON CHINESE THRONE

Council of State Offers Crown, Which He Accepts, After First Declining.

HAS LONG BEEN DEEMED STRONG MAN OF ORIENT

Foreigners Concede His Good Work as President of the Republic.

PEKING, December 11.—Yuan Shi-Kai, president of the Chinese republic, has accepted the throne of China tendered to him by the council of state. Acting as a parliament, the council of state today canvassed the vote on the question of a change in the form of the government of China to a monarchy and found that the votes of 1,933 representatives out of 2,043 qualified to vote on the proposition were favorable to the change.

The council of state immediately sent to Yuan Shi-Kai a petition urging him to accept the throne. He declined at first, but when the petition was forwarded to him a second time he accepted, with the proviso that he would continue to act as president until a convenient time for the coronation.

Strong Man of China. In recent years Yuan Shi-Kai became the most conspicuous personality of the orient through his efforts to bring his 400,000,000 fellow yellow men into line as citizens of the new republic of China. The task of turning this most ancient and backward of kingdoms into a republic within whose fold there was a fifth of the world's inhabitants—a republic four times as large as the United States—was obviously no easy one, and the man who attempted it and did not escape storms of criticisms from

ALLIES CONTINUE RETREAT BEFORE BULGARIAN ARMY

Heavy Losses Suffered by Forces Slowly Pushing French and British Back.

CAPTURE OF GIEVGLI CLAIMED AND DENIED

Allied Negotiations With Greece Seem No Nearer Settlement.

SOME DECISION HELD VITAL. Considered of Primary Importance That Saloniki Be Occupied as Base for Future Operations.

PARIS, December 11, 5:20 p.m.—France and Great Britain decided today to continue the campaign in the Balkans and agreed on military measures designed to assure the security of the expeditionary forces which landed at Saloniki.

LONDON, December 11.—The latest news from the Balkans indicates that the allies are still falling back, but without suffering the losses endured on the first days of the retreat, when the pursuing Bulgarians attacked rear guards repeatedly. Paris reports that in these actions the French inflicted heavy losses on the pursuers by their artillery fire.

The British public received a shock in the form of a Saloniki dispatch stating that Gievgli had been occupied by two divisions of German troops. Later reports, however, state that this important position is not yet within the range of the invaders' guns. Gievgli is on the Greek frontier near the Vardar river, and commands the railroad north from Saloniki.

Bulgars Fight Fiercely. Both the British and the French forces, who are well supplied with artillery and machine guns, engaged in a four-day battle in which they inflicted heavy losses on the Bulgarians, who fought with desperate and the greatest courage. Attack after attack was repulsed, but the Bulgarians still came on, and the allies fell back to new positions, where events of the day before were repeated.

Greek Reply Is Deemed Vital. The diplomatic negotiations with Greece concerning the nearer settlement, although the retreat of the allied troops makes some definite reply from Athens hourly more vital. In military circles it is considered of primary importance that Saloniki be retained as a base for future operations, even though the allied troops are forced to take refuge under the guns of the fleet. It is generally conceded the present forces of the allies are inadequate to cope with Bulgaria and the central powers, whose armies, according to a statement credited to French sources, number 1,000,000. Bulgaria, now number 1,000,000.

French View of Situation. "It is probable that all the allied forces will retire to Grecian territory," says Lieut. Col. Leonce Roussel, military critic of La Liberté of Paris. The principal reason for the Balkan expedition, which was to aid the Serbians, no longer exists. The other aim is to guard the base of Saloniki. The withdrawal of the French and British troops should not be regarded as a retreat, but as a tactical maneuver. The only error is that it began too late. It is to be hoped the withdrawal of the allies will be sufficient to permit, in order that the initial effort may be repaired.

Once entrenched at Saloniki, the allies can wait in virtually complete security the reinforcements which must be sent, as well as the necessary supplies, to resume operations, which the present weakness, due to unfortunate and irreparable mistakes, does not permit of continuing today.

Berlin Report on Retreat. The retreat of the British and French expedition in Saloniki is being conducted with great difficulty, according to Berlin advices. Their main force has been unable to disengage itself and retreat unhampered, leaving only rear guards behind to delay their pursuers. Instead of permitting them to do this, the Bulgarians and Teuton troops are maintaining the closest touch with the allies, fighting at every step. This, it is reported in Berlin, explains the loss of six British guns south of Strumitsa.

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Greece Will Demobilize Her Army, Say Reports: Allies Press for Reply. LONDON, December 11.—The Greek government has made all arrangements for demobilization of the army. It is expected a decree to that effect will be issued shortly, according to dispatches just received here. The French minister had his second conference of this week with King Constantine yesterday. Subsequently the ministers of the entente powers called on Premier Skoufoulis. It is learned on good authority that energetic representations were made for the purpose of inducing Greece to hasten and send the facilities demanded for the allied

One Leader Fell Dead. So sublime was the faith of one leader that he submitted to the test, and, according to the story, fell dead at the first rifle bullet, which pierced his heart. Yuan Shi-Kai was thus freed from any obligation to join the fanatic movement of the Boxers. As a matter of fact, he was given credit for material assistance to the foreigners during the Boxer rebellion.

Lord Ellenborough Dead, Aged 74. LONDON, December 11.—Lord Ellenborough died Thursday at Windham House. He was seventy-four years old.

Lord Ellenborough, fifth baron of the name, was a retired commander in the British navy, having served during the Russian and Chinese wars. He was the author of several articles and books on navigation and naval criticism.